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In brief

Hospital closure

The 325th Medical Group, to include all clinics and the pharmacy, will close at noon Thursday and May 23 for an official function.

For more information, call Capt. Jeffrey Cook at 283-7710.

Air Force News

News and information from around the Air Force will air on the base cable network's Channel 12. Air times are at 8 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Current stories include 'F-15s prove their worth in Operation Iraqi Freedom,' 'Zero to 6,416 miles an hour in six seconds,' and 'Air Force dodges SARS bullet, so far.'

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Lisa Carroll

Stake out

During an exercise scenario, members of the 325th Security Forces Squadron and the Bay County Sheriff's Special Weapons and Tactics unit negotiate with a person accused of taking a hostage. For more information on Tyndall's joint training venture with the Bay County SWAT team, see Page 4.

Air Force eases stop-loss restrictions

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Air Force personnel officials announced Wednesday the release of more than half of the Air Force specialty codes restricted from retirement or separation under the stop-loss program, which took effect May 2.

Following a review of operational requirements, 31 officer and 20 enlisted career fields were released from stop-loss, the officials said.

The officer career fields released are: 11BX, 11EX, 11FX, 11HX, 11KX, 12BX, 12EX, 12FX, 12KX, 12RX, 12TX, 13BX, 13DXA, 13DXB, 32EX, 43EX, 43HX, 43TX, 44EX, 44MX, 45AX, 45BX, 45SX,

46FX, 46MX, 46NXE, 46SX, 48AX, 48GX, 48RX and 51JX.

The enlisted career fields released are: 1C2XX, 1C4XX, 1S0XX, 1T1XX, 3E000, 3E0X2, 3E4X1, 3E4X2, 3E5X1, 3E7X1, 3E8X1, 3E9X1, 3H0X1, 3N0XX, 4A1XX, 4A2XX, 4B0XX, 4E0XX, 4H0XX and 5J0X1.

The Air Force announced stop-loss, a Defense Department program designed to retain members of the armed forces beyond their established dates of separation or retirement, for 99 specialties and deployed airmen on March 13. The move was aimed at ensuring personnel levels were adequate to meet upcoming con-

tingencies.

"It was not an action that we took lightly," said Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche. "It was designed to preserve Air Force skills essential to supporting the global war on terrorism and operations in Iraq."

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper pointed out that service officials have always said they will use stop-loss only as long as necessary to accomplish the mission.

"We've re-evaluated our requirements and are releasing these AFSCs because stop-loss is inconsistent with the fundamental principles of voluntary service," General Jumper said.

This announcement is the result of an in-depth review, said Maj. Teresa Forest, chief of Air Force retirements and separation policy at the Pentagon.

"A number of different factors went into the review process," Major Forest said. "We had to consider the balance between the active duty and air reserve component, as well as the need to remain responsive to changing events worldwide."

Deployed active-duty, Guard and Reserve airmen whose specialties are released from stop-loss will not be allowed to retire or separate until their deployment is completed, Major

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Raptor: an enemy's best option ... invest in good parachutes!

Insight to exercise process shared

BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW

325th Fighter Wing commander



Last week I touched briefly on the exercise results and how important these tests are to our daily and contingency operations.

As we move closer to our Operational Readiness Inspection, I think it's also important to share some thoughts and expectations on how we will implement various responses, then communicate reasons for special measures, such as Force Protection and Information Conditions. When Battle Staff Directives flow to group and unit control centers, the installation responds accordingly, but there are many people in associate units, our customers and family members who may not have access to the "why" factors. Therefore I hope to shed some light on the philosophy behind this process.

In the past there were many simulations in our response to exercises; we allowed some of those simulations because of the impact to our primary missions. However, there is a downside to simulations. When we simulate actions, we don't get to appreciate all the consequences those ac-



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tions will cause. For instance, when we implemented full INFOCON procedures during the last exercise, we saw that it impacted other base missions. Also, when actions are simulated, an assumption is made that everything will be handled correctly in the event individuals or an organization actually responded. That's a dangerous mind-set to fall into. There is great value in limiting simulated actions because it forces everyone to think and work through a variety of situations. It also allows us to identify problems and plan workarounds.

Team Tyndall will see actual FPCONs or INFOCONS and not "Exercise" or "Simulated" because though the reason may be different (exercise versus actual),

the response condition should be the same. Installation commanders are encouraged to randomly change conditions as an anti-terrorism measure. This unpredictable posture helps deter those who may threaten us. The concept becomes a bit clearer if you look at it from the perspective of an individual wishing to do harm to an installation or its people. If during surveillance, a terrorist sees the base unpredictably being locked down and watching for a potential threat, it will deter him from an attack. Therefore, our random anti-terrorist measures help make us all safer.

Finally on this subject, we learned some other valuable lessons. We found areas to improve upon with regard to how we write

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Air Force goal is zero fatalities this summer

GEN. JOHN HANDY

Air Mobility Command commander and U.S. Transportation Command commander

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, III. (AFPN) — Memorial Day weekend marks the beginning of the "101 Critical Days of Summer."

Our focus during this historically hazardous period must be united, personal and direct. Each member is a shareholder in providing a safe and healthful environment both on and off duty. Each commander, supervisor and worker must be responsible for creating a passion for mishap avoidance. The goal is zero fatalities this summer.

The Air Force has never achieved zero mishaps during this critical mishap period. However, a zero fatality rate is attainable. Let's do our share to break this paradigm by doing things right and avoiding excess risk leading to mishaps.

A commander should never have to tell anyone, "don't drink and drive." Willful and neglectful attitudes have no place in today's world of zero tolerance for drunk driving.

With today's laws and safety education, no one should die because they failed to wear a seat belt or motorcycle helmet. Seat belt/helmet use is mandatory as a first line of defense against

reckless, drunk, drugged or fatigued drivers. Motorcycle training is a prerequisite before operating a motorcycle, yet trained riders have died because they failed to apply safe riding techniques and exercised poor judgment. Bottom line: "You are empowered to do things safely and right," even when no one is watching.

Look at our recent success in the war on terrorism. The same mind-set of success can be just as effective with this summer's safety campaign. Let's celebrate our success and survive the summer!

(Courtesy of Air Mobility Command News Service)

Action Line

The Action Line is your direct line to me. It is one way to make Tyndall a better place to work and live.

Action Line calls are recorded and staffed through the proper agency. The goal is to provide you with an accurate, timely response. You must leave your name, phone number or address to receive a response.

Questions or comments of general interest will be published in this forum. This avenue should only be used after coordinating problems or concerns with supervisors, commanders, first sergeants or facility managers. If you're not satisfied with the response or you are unable to resolve the problem, call me at 283-2255.

For fraud, waste and abuse calls, you should talk to the office of inspections, 283-4646. Calls concerning energy abuse should be referred to the energy hot line, 283-3995.

Larry D. New

BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW

325th Fighter Wing commander

Q. I'm wondering if we would be able to post yellow ribbons on base?

A. Placing yellow ribbons in military family housing and at the workplace is approved and encouraged. However, people must be aware that the ribbons placed outdoors may degrade quickly due to Florida's weather. Individuals are responsible for maintaining the appearance and/or replacement of the ribbons displayed. Maintaining the ribbons will show a continued commitment of support and help maintain base appearance.

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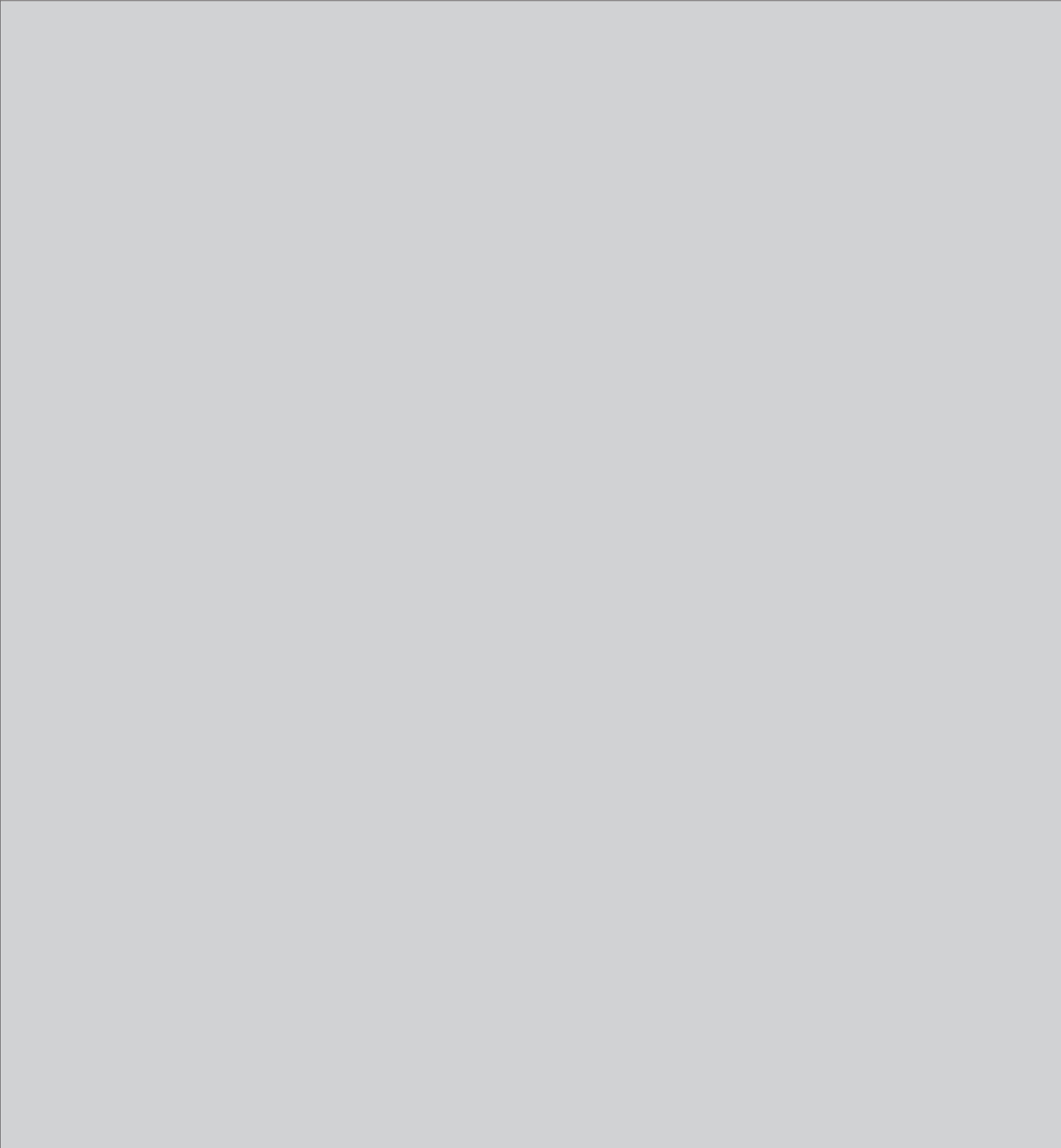
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Tyndall security forces take part in joint exercise

CHRISTINE SULLIVAN
325th Fighter Wing public affairs

A terrified hostage, cradling a broken arm, escapes her captor and runs screaming through the quiet neighborhood of Bay Point housing. Minutes later, a heavily armed law enforcement team storms the house and detains her captor, ending the three-hour ordeal.

This is the scenario that played out Thursday at Tyndall Air Force Base, as the 325th Security Forces Squadron partnered with the Bay County Sheriff's Office Special Weapons and Tactics team for a joint SWAT exercise at the base.

The exercise scenario, which brought the military and local law enforcement teams together to equip and train in response to a hostage situation, was deemed a success by exercise organizers and participants.

"We've demonstrated that military and civilian law enforcement agencies complement each other remarkably well when the need arises," said Senior Master Sergeant Dan Barber, 325th SFS security forces manager.

As part of a long-standing Memorandum of Understanding with the Bay County Sheriff's Office, security forces provide mutual assistance to ensure procedures are followed.

"Teaming for unexpected events like this allows us to identify and correct communication and tactical shortfalls," Sergeant Barber added. "Achieving the best possible team performance is obviously our objective."

Both teams involved said their overall performance was successful during the training exercise, lessons were learned and favorable hostage negotiations were ultimately achieved.

Hostage negotiation skills were one of the most important aspects of last week's training Sergeant Barber said.



Lisa Carroll

A mock hostage is rescued from her captor during an exercise that 325th Security Forces Squadron members and the Bay County Sheriff's Department Special Weapons and Tactics unit conducted a joint training scenario.

"On one hand you might say we're fortunate they don't have to use those skills on a regular basis," Sergeant Barber said. "But negotiation techniques are very perishable and require frequent practical utilization to remain proficient in the most critical aspect of a hostage situation."

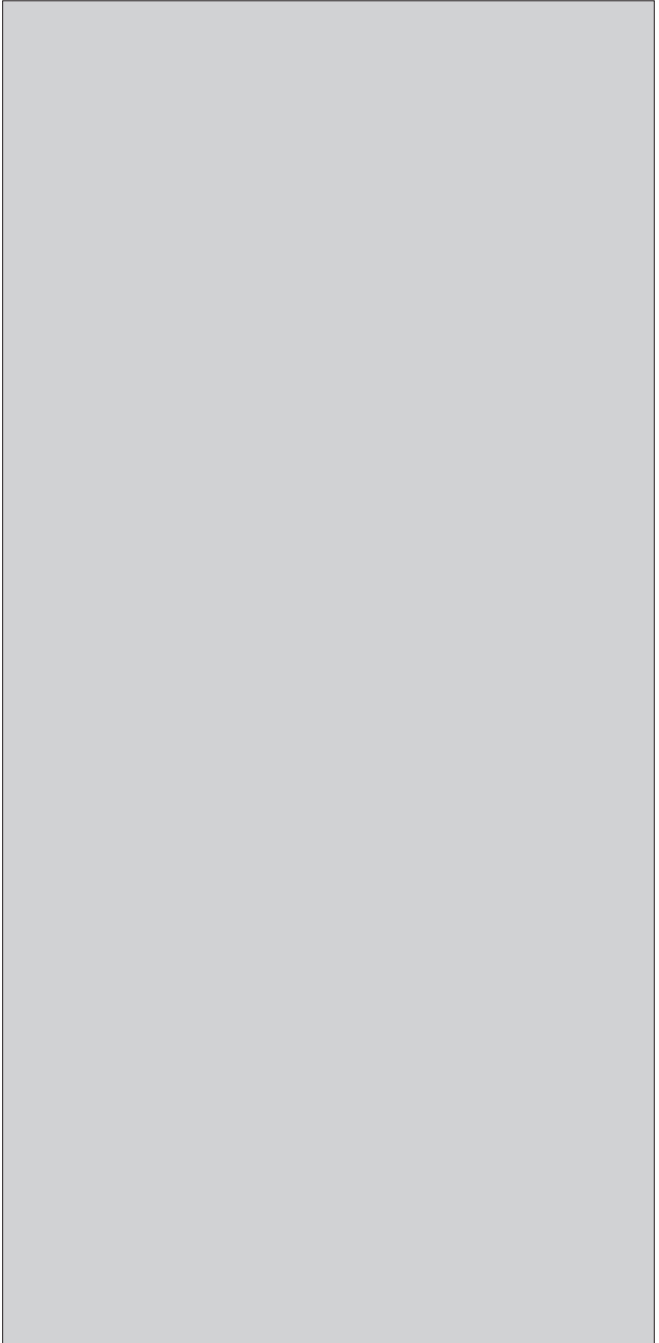
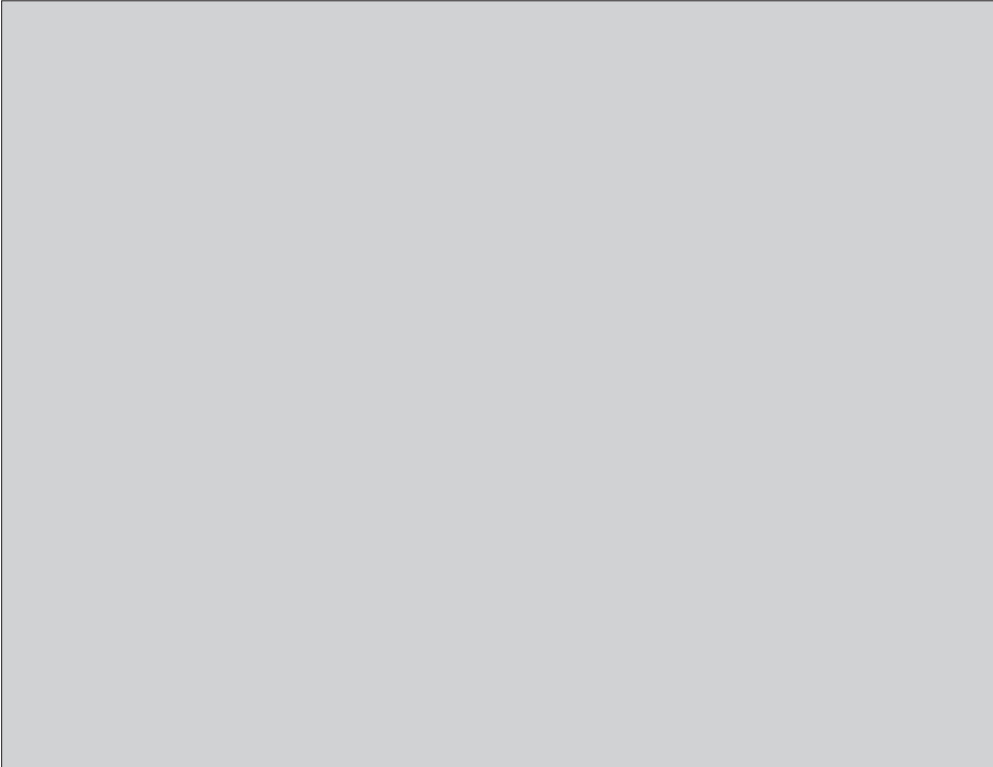
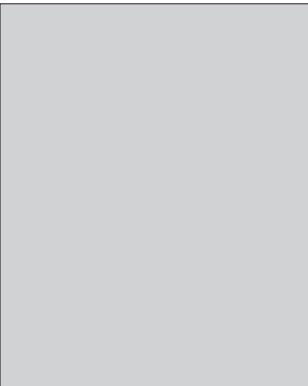
Detailed planning is another critical and challenging aspect of the training, said Master Sgt. Todd Matthews, 325th SFS standardization and evaluation NCO in charge.

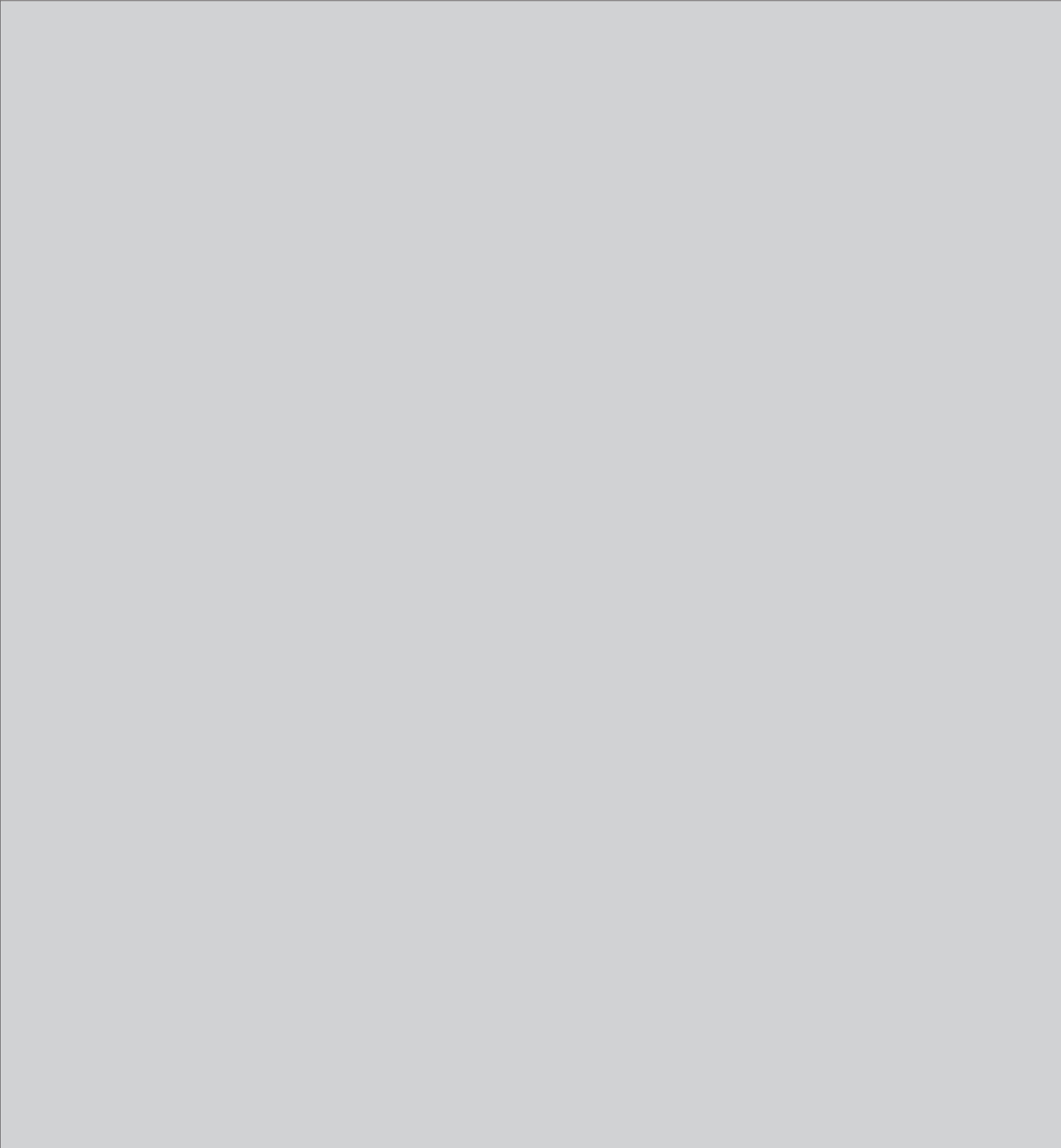
"The response, integration and coordination of local law enforcement with Tyndall security forces and wing leadership is vital in a scenario such as this one," Sergeant Matthews said. "We have to de-conflict military procedures with state law enforcement procedures, notify housing residents and ensure safety for all first responders."

Tyndall's security forces hope this will be the start of getting back on the track of joint training with county agencies. Since Sept. 11, 2001, security forces members have not been able to train regularly with them.

"In the future, we'd like to include water recovery operations that involve the use of their dive team as well as confrontation management or riot control," Sergeant Barber said.

"Hopefully the scenario in last Thursday's events will not happen here," Sergeant Matthews said. "But if it does, people can be assured base security forces and Bay County SWAT teams will be familiar with each other and ready for the challenge."





ARTICLE 15

The following adverse actions took place at Tyndall AFB in April. The publication of Article 15s shows Team Tyndall that people will be held accountable for their actions and publicity will hopefully serve as a deterrent to others.

Article 15s:

✎ A second lieutenant from the 325th Air Control Squadron forfeited \$450 and received a reprimand for driving under the influence.

✍ A second lieutenant from the 325th ACS forfeited \$250 per month for two months for being absent without leave and making a false official statement.

✍ An airman first class from the 325th ACS received a reduction to airman for issuing worthless checks.

✎ An airman basic from the 325th ACS forfeited \$200 and received 15 days restriction to base and a reprimand for assault and battery, dereliction of duty, drunk/disorderly and unlawful entry.

✎ A master sergeant from the 83rd Fighter Weapons Squadron received a suspended reduction to technical sergeant and reprimand for violation of a lawful general regulation.

✍ An airman first class from the 325th Medical Group received a suspended reduction to airman, 14 days extra duty and a reprimand for dereliction of duty and disrespect to an officer.

✎ A senior airman from 325th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron forfeited \$250 per month for two months and received a reduction to airman first class and 30 days extra duty for dereliction of duty.

✎ An airman first class from the 325th Communications Squadron forfeited \$200 and received a suspended reduction to airman and 15 days extra duty for dereliction of duty.

Administrative discharges:

✎ A staff sergeant from the 325th Operations Support Squadron received a general discharge for a civilian conviction.

✍ An airman from the 325th ACS received a general discharge for a series of minor disciplinary infractions.

☞ A staff sergeant from the 325th MDG received a general discharge for conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline.

(Courtesy 325th Fighter Wing legal office)

Commissary changes coupon rules effective June 1

RICK BRINK

Defense Commissary Agency

FORT LEE, Va. — Commissaries will start enforcing new policy revisions June 1 that limit coupon use to only one per item unless otherwise specified on a coupon.

“We still gladly welcome the use of coupons. We’re only limiting the number of coupons a customer can use per item to what is specifically stated on the coupons. If the coupons state more than one per item can be used, then we’ll accept them. If it doesn’t, then we’ll accept only one per item,” said Bob Vitikacs, the Defense Commissary Agency’s executive director for opera-

tions and product support.

The revised DeCA policy more accurately reflects manufacturers' intent for coupon use, which has always been one coupon per item unless otherwise stated, Vitikacs said. DeCA policy had allowed commissaries to accept multiple coupons unless specifically stated as only "one per item."

Under the new policy, customers can still take advantage of multiple couponing, but only through sales specifically allowing the practice. Customers can watch for advertising and in-store flyers to learn about these sales, and manufacturers will continue to provide coupons in the stores.

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Forest said. Air reserve component airmen who are mobilized, but not deployed, will be demobilized according to ARC policy.

The actual “termination” of stop-loss has yet to be determined because Air Force officials and combatant command-

ers still need certain skills to directly support the war in Iraq, Major Forest said.

More career fields will likely be released in the future, she said, based on input from different levels around the Air Force.

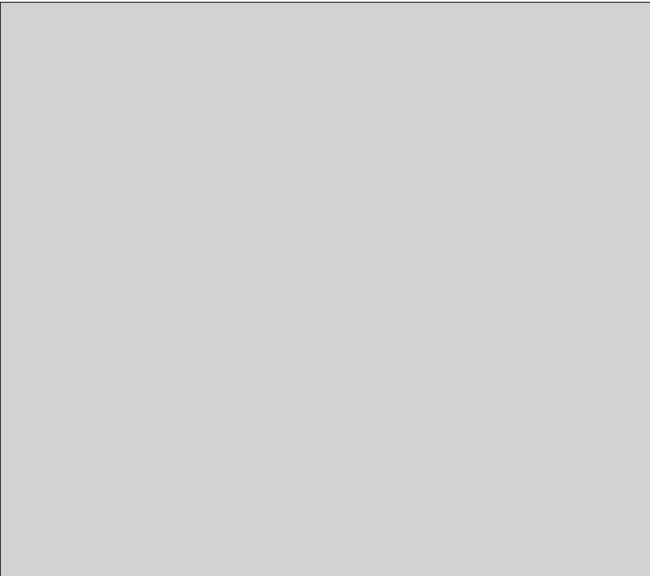
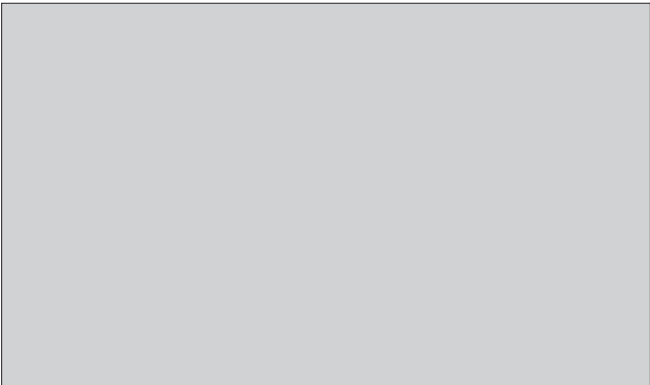
If airmen experience a severe hardship caused by stop-loss, they can apply for a waiver through

their chain of command.


“Many families have had to put their plans on hold because of stop-loss,” Major Forest said. “We will make every effort to balance their needs with our commitment to operational requirements.”

Military personnel flights have more information.





Checkertail Salute



Lisa Carroll

Airman Reynolds is awarded the Checkertail Salute Warrior of the Week award by Col. Douglas Cochran, 325th Fighter Wing vice commander.

The Checkertail Clan salutes Airman Reynolds who is continually recognized by air battle manager classes as a top performer among her peers in ABM training introduction to weapons control.

Airman 1st Class Erin Reynolds

Duty title: Weapons simulation technician
Unit: 325th Air Control Squadron
Time on station: 1 year, 4 months
Time in service: 1 year, 8 months
Hometown: Bridgeport, Conn.
Hobbies: Singing, collecting coins and writing poetry
Goals: To make senior airman below the zone and to become a chief master sergeant.
Favorite thing about Tyndall: The opportunities available to airmen to build their careers in the Air Force
Pet peeves: People who don't put their all into their work. "Work hard now to be successful."
Favorite book: The Bible and "The Blackstone Chronicles"
Favorite movie: "Clue" and "The Bandits"

The Checkertail Salute is a 325th Fighter Wing commander program designed to recognize Tyndall's Warrior of the Week. Supervisors can nominate individuals via their squadron and group commanders. Award recipients receive a certificate, letter from the commander and a one-day pass.

Feature

Team Tyndall's vet clinic absolutely "purr"-fect

CHRISTINE SULLIVAN

325th Fighter Wing public affairs

"Good health is important for everyone in the family — including those with fur and four legs."

That's the motto of the Tyndall Air Force Base Veterinary Clinic.

In keeping with that motto, Tyndall's vet clinic offers several services to keep your pet in tip-top shape with both preventative and nonemergency care.

"Take the time to do preventative care and it will save both you and your pet lots of grief," said Tabitha Wiggins, 325th Services Squadron veterinary technician. "Treat your animals like you would want to be treated."

The most important preventative service the clinic provides is vaccinations. Some of the vaccines given most often include rabies, canine and feline distemper, feline leukemia and kennel cough.



Photos by Christine Sullivan

Tabitha Wiggins and Dagny Johnston, veterinary technicians with the 325th Fighter Wing Services Squadron, review a pet patient's file in the front office of the on-base vet clinic.

The clinic's prices range from \$7 to \$15.

"Vaccinations are important because they control the spread of disease from animals to people," said Army Staff Sgt. Roger Young, veterinary clinic NCO in charge. "If vaccines aren't administered on a regular basis, the pet is subject to serious illness and potential hospitalization ... diseases such as rabies are always fatal."

Another preventative service involves heartworm disease, a serious and deadly problem for pets especially during the summer months.

"Heartworms are parasites transmitted by mosquitoes that can be potentially fatal to your dog or cat," Sergeant Young said. "You can easily have your dog tested for the presence of heartworms at the clinic and ask us about preventative measures to protect your pet."

To protect your pet from getting lost, you can take advantage of another service offered by the vet clinic called microchipping. "This involves inserting a very small microchip, about the size of a pen's tip, into the pet's shoulder area," Sergeant Young said. The microchip contains the owner's contact information for quick identification.

"If an animal is lost, it can be easily identified and returned to its owner," Sergeant Young said. "Rabies and address tags can be lost but microchips can't be."

Aside from preventative services, the vet clinic also treats minor medical problems such as skin infections, tick bites and flea infestation.

During the summer months, fleas can be a big problem in Florida because of the warm, moist climate. It is possible to



Rudy, a 14-year-old blond cocker spaniel owned by retired Air Force Master Sgt. Dana Robinson, gets weighed by Army Staff Sgt. Roger Young at the veterinary clinic.

have a substantial flea problem, even though you have only spotted a few or no fleas. Pet shampoos and a variety of sprays, drops and oral preventative flea treatments can be purchased at the clinic.

Base housing occupants must register all pets at the vet clinic as soon as possible per regulations to ensure there are no stray animals with a potential to injure others. A no-cost annual exam by the base veterinarian is required and proof of current vaccinations must be provided to the vet clinic. This applies even if an off-base veterinarian regularly sees your pet.

If your family is planning to move from Tyndall, be sure to stop by and talk to the vet clinic staff before making any overseas move. They can help you determine what vaccination requirements are needed before moving out of the country, or help with any preparation for quarantine if required.

The vet clinic is open 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. weekdays for all services offered. Appointments for routine services must be made one to two weeks in advance.

For more information on vet clinic services, visit www.325thservices.com/Facility/VetFR.html, stop by the vet clinic in Building 1309, or call 283-2434.

Details will determine inspection outcome

LT. COL. STEVEN KOTAN
Operational Readiness Inspection project officer

Last week we discussed what contributions everyone as individuals can make to start preparing for the Operational Readiness Inspection with regard to personal responsibilities. Now that we are in the last 45

days until the ORI, you need to ask yourself, “*How well do you want your unit to do?*” The wing’s answer to that question is “*Excellent.*” To accomplish that goal, everyone must make it a team effort. Self-assessment checklists, training records, technical orders and instructions, publications and supply ac-

counts all need reviewing.

Self-Assessment Checklist. Start by having the newest guy in the shop “run it.” Everyone should know the job functions within each section. Ensure continuity books are up to date, allowing an alternate to accomplish your job in your absence. Operational Risk Management comes into play here. When most of us hear ORM, we think safety. However, it also applies to your job and how well those around you can pick up and continue the mission when you are on temporary duty, on leave or otherwise not available. Having good communication skills and keeping a continuity book up to date is vital in order to accomplish the mission in a timely manner.

Training Records. Accomplish a thorough review on all records within your section. Are all assigned and attached personnel correctly certified and documented to perform each duty? Are training folders assembled in a standardized manner? Do status boards and/or electronic trackers reflect the current status of training? Do the folders agree?

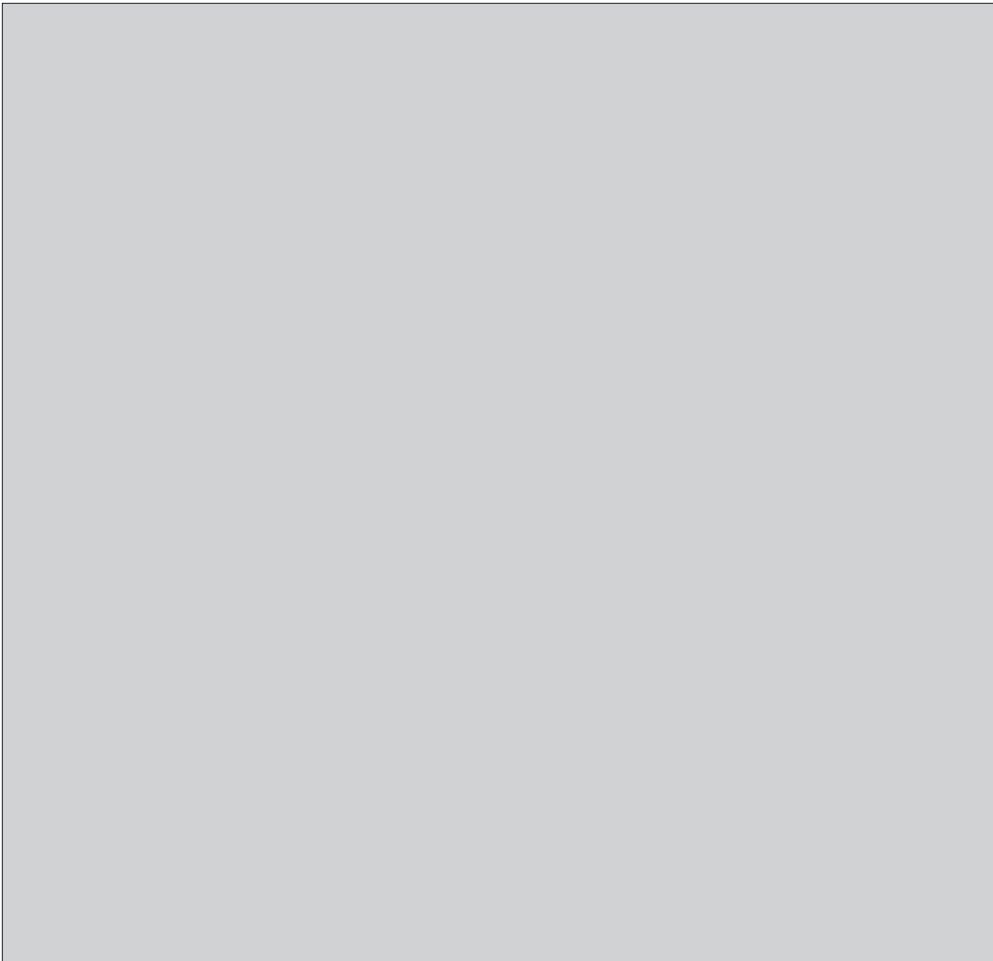
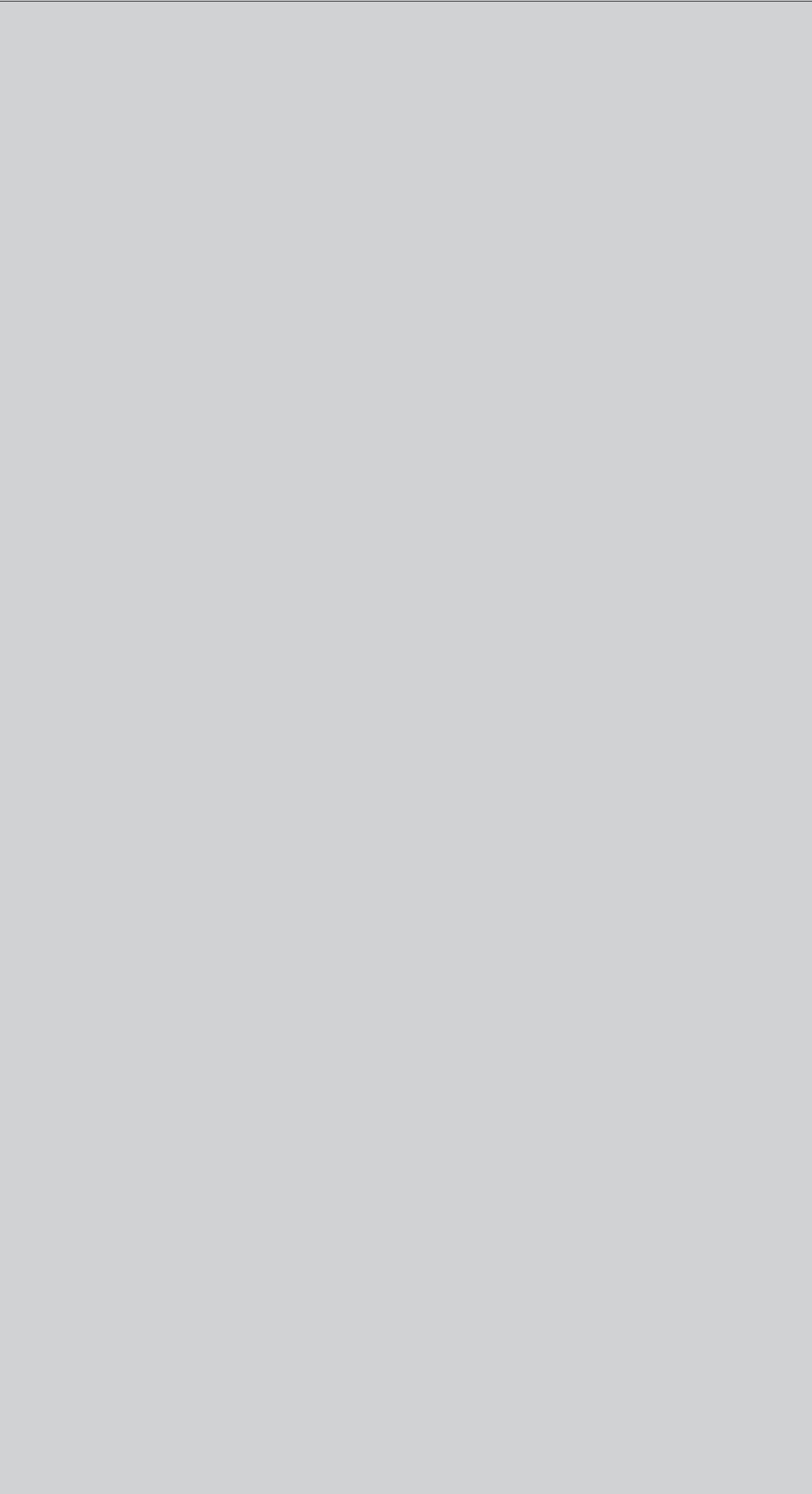
Technical Orders and Instructions. Are indexes current? Check on any instructions that are “in the mail.” Now is the time to ensure unnecessary publications are deleted. Check binders to ensure they are service-

able, such as labels and the individual pages. Do Optional Forms 21 and Cross-Reference Sheets show the correct location of those instructions or TOs to which they refer? Are they properly completed? These also should include “off-the-record” publications. It’s also a good idea to check documented sub-accounts and ensure they have their publications. Remember the saying, “*presentation is everything.*”

Publications. Units master publication files should reflect the most current changes. If the inspector general is on the road, check with your counterpart for information.

Supply Accounts. If you own one, review it and make sure it’s accurate. You can do this by receiving the latest computer print-out. Account for every item on the account. Reconcile items not accounted for, and don’t forget items that SHOULD be on the record. **Yell** now if you’re not receiving the support you need! An accurate and complete inventory is key.

Thoroughly review all self-assessment checklists, training records, technical orders and instructions, publications and supply accounts. This is everyone’s responsibility in your shop, and the more sets of eyes that review items will make overlooked mistakes less likely. Remember “*attention to detail,*” because I guarantee the IG inspectors will!



Plan will get AEF back on track, fix ‘disparity’

MASTER SGT. SCOTT ELLIOTT
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — While many deployed airmen are returning from Operation Iraqi Freedom to heroes’ welcomes, others deployed for as much as three times longer are still waiting to hear when they will go home.

What appears to some as an obvious disparity is actually a case of differing mission objectives, said the general in charge of air and space expeditionary force policy.

“The issue is, ‘What job were these people sent to do,’” said Maj. Gen. Timothy Peppe, special assistant for AEF matters at the Pentagon. “Some of the people in OIF are already home because that operation went so well and so quickly that the combatant commander was able to release them.

“There is a difference for Operation Enduring Freedom folks. Those people are filling a requirement that hasn’t changed. They will rotate when the Air Force has the combatant commanders’ requirements worldwide and develops the rotation to support them.”

Besides manning requirements for OEF and OIF, a recent increase in Pacific Air Forces further strained the AEF rotation schedule. On top of that, General Peppe said, the service is obligated to provide about 1,700 people to augment the staffs of component and combatant commanders worldwide.

“It’s not just the people in Afghanistan,” General Peppe said. “Anyone the AEF supports will be caught up in this.”

“Everyone who did not deploy needs to be on notice that we may need them to be a part of this rotation, or the next, as we get back to a more normal AEF rhythm.”

MAJ. GEN. TIMOTHY PEPPE
Special assistant for AEF matters at the Pentagon

The Air Force uses the AEF’s standard three-month rotation plan to bring deployment predictability to airmen and their families, but the operational demands of OIF and other requirements forced the service to break out of that mold. The plan is for the AEF deployment schedule to be back on track by early 2004, General Peppe said.

To achieve that goal, the Air Force plans to piece together two transitional AEFs to meet deployment combatant commanders’ needs into 2004. Manning for these two AEFs will come from the ranks of those who have not deployed this cycle.

“We’ll have to find ‘green’ unit type codes that are properly manned and equipped,” General Peppe said. “The AEF Center (at Langley Air Force Base, Va.) will work with the (major commands) to identify the personnel and equipment (that are) ready to deploy.

“Everyone who did not deploy needs to be on notice that

we may need them to be a part of this rotation, or the next, as we get back to a more normal AEF rhythm,” he said.

The numbers of people and types of equipment making up the new AEFs have yet to be determined by combatant commanders. The Air Force’s goal is to have new mission requirements defined by the middle of May, General Peppe said.

“The effort to define the requirements is ongoing, and we hope to wrap that up soon, because from the time requirements are set and the rotation begins (it) is going to take 45 to 60 days,” General Peppe said.

As vital as the new mission requirements are to the rotation schedule, the general said patience is just as important.

“We can’t send 100 aircraft over there to rotate everyone out at once,” he said. “There are only so many aircraft available to do that type of work, so some people will rotate on day one, and some will rotate on day 15.”

It is also important deployed airmen know they are not forgotten, General Peppe said.

“There is nobody who wants to bring the troops home and start a rotation any more than the secretary of the Air Force and the Air Force chief of staff,” he said. “They are acutely aware that those people have been frozen in place, and that some have been there six months or longer.

“We want to get on with the rotation,” General Peppe said, “but there is a mission at hand, and we will support that mission.”

Safety day kicks off ‘101 Critical Days of Summer’

TECH. SGT. RON
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325th Fighter Wing safety office

Each year, the Air Force loses more people to accidents during the summer months than any other time of the year. Most of these could have been prevented had servicemembers used a little risk management or

common sense.

A Wing Safety Day is scheduled from 11 a.m. — 3 p.m. May 23 at Heritage Park to kick off another “101 Critical Days of Summer” safety awareness campaign.

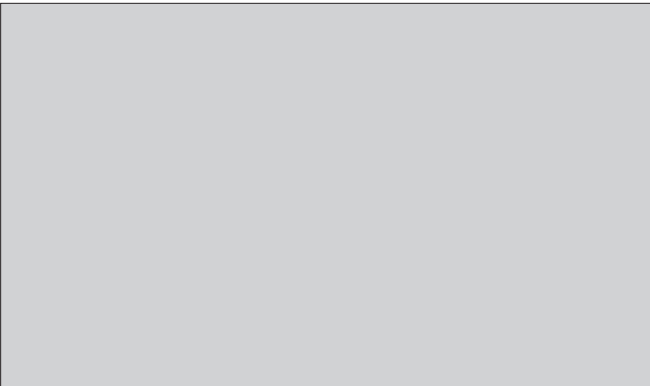
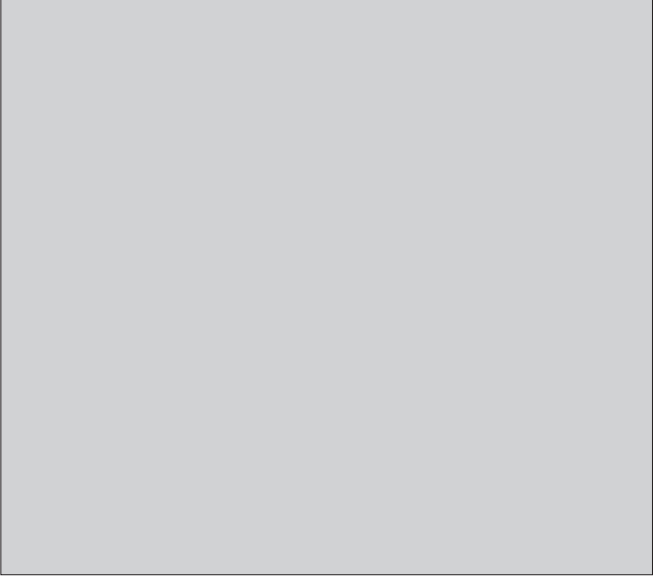
The safety day is designed to make people aware of some summertime hazards. For ex-

ample, last year, the Air Force experienced 84 fatalities for the fiscal year. Of those, 30 were during the 101 Critical Days of Summer. In fiscal 2001, 55 fatalities were recorded and of those, 19 were from the 101 Critical Days of Summer. This shows a 38 percent increase and is not a statis-

tic the Air Force wants to repeat in fiscal 2003.

Safety day will be highlighted by a speech from Brig. Gen. Larry New, 325th Fighter Wing commander, at 2 p.m. Several displays are scheduled for the day to highlight various aspects of summer safety. Some of the displays scheduled are from: life

support, bio-environmental, Air Force Research Laboratory, public health, the health and wellness center, behavioral science, fire department, Pensacola Harley Davidson, explosive ordnance disposal team, Florida Highway Patrol, security forces, American Red Cross along with music and food.



Scams target military families, e-mail users

ST. LOUIS (AFPN) — Although the federal tax filing season ended April 15, the Internal Revenue Service continues to see isolated instances of new tax scams.

Two new schemes target families of those serving in the armed forces and e-mail users. In both schemes, people represent themselves as being from the IRS.

The IRS warns consumers to beware of any variation of a scenario in which a telephone caller posing as an IRS employee tells a family member he is entitled to a \$4,000 refund because his relative is in the armed forces and then requests a credit card number to cover a \$42 fee for postage. The scammer provides an actual IRS toll-free number as the call-back number to make the call seem legitimate. However, the scammer then charges unauthorized purchases with the victim's card.

Genuine IRS employees who call taxpayers do not ask for credit card numbers or request fees for payment of a refund.

In another scheme, victims receive an e-mail that appears to be from the IRS. The e-mail contains links to a non-IRS Internet

Web page that asks for personal and financial information. Such information could be used to steal the respondent's identity and get access to sensitive financial data or accounts.

Identity thieves can use someone's personal data to:

- take over his or her financial accounts.
- run up charges on the victim's existing credit cards.
- apply for loans, credit cards, services or benefits in the victim's name.
- file fraudulent tax returns.

The IRS does not request sensitive personal or financial data by e-mail.

The IRS wants to get word of these scams to military families before more damage is done, according to IRS spokesman Bill Barksdale.

"What we're trying to do is protect taxpayers from financial predators who are out there finding creative ways to steal from people," Mr. Barksdale said. "In this case (the latest military-related scam), it's not hard for these identity thieves to tell that lots of military folks are still deployed and,

in many cases, their loved ones are left behind to figure out and finish the taxes."

Not all the phone calls will be the same, Mr. Barksdale said, but military people and their families should be aware of the basic elements of these scams so they can guard against them.

"The calls may not be worded exactly the same, but it's a good chance the predator will do or say something to entice the military member or spouse to give up their credit card information, which they will then use to commit identity theft," he said.

He does not know exactly how many mili-

tary families have fallen victim to these scams, but he hopes it is not many, Mr. Barksdale said.

People who believe they are victims of one of these scams can contact the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration by calling the toll-free fraud referral hotline at (800) 366-4484, faxing a complaint to (202) 927-7018 or writing to the TIGTA Hotline, P.O. Box 589, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, D.C. 20044-0589. TIGTA's Web site is located at www.ustreas.gov/tigta.

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and communicate information within Battle Staff Directives, which in the past has caused some confusion with associate units. We are committed to improving this issue. Also, concerning such areas as the commissary and base exchange, we will ask such customer-focused agencies to demonstrate the increased security posture capability briefly, and then return to normal operating procedures. I appreciate everyone's coop-

eration and commitment to making Tyndall safe and secure and a better place to live and work. Another aspect of making Tyndall a better place is taking care of the families of our deployed members.

To that end, I encourage commanders, supervisors and co-workers to remain in touch with all deployed folks and offer assistance to family members left behind. Although Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom have scaled back some, we still have many people deployed

to or in support of those operations. Our goal is to give them the peace of mind to know we're caring for their families back here, so they can concentrate on their mission of providing for the nation's security. We owe it to them to continue to check in on their families from time to time. Undoubtedly, we have a lot going on, but we need to find the time to make sure the entire team is taken care of, as each is critical to mission success. Thank you and have a great week!

Your link
to what's going on

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Retirement ceremony
The Tyndall 325th Maintenance Group's retirement ceremony in honor of Chief Master Sgt. Gary Poland is 9:30 a.m. today in Hangar 1, with a reception immediately following. A farewell dinner is scheduled for 6 p.m. in the Pelican Reef Enlisted Club ballroom. For more information, call 283-4216.

CES closure
The 325th Civil Engineer Squadron is closed today for an official function. In the event of an emergency, call 283-4949.

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Protestant Unity Service
The Protestant worship services will be combined for a Unity Service on Sunday. The regularly scheduled 9:30 and 11 a.m. Protestant services will be canceled and both congregations will join together for worship and communion at 10 a.m. in Chapel 1. The Protestant Women of the Chapel will conduct their installation of officers and Parish Advisory Council representatives will also be elected at this time.

Chapel religious education
The Tyndall Chapel offers religious education 9:30-10:30 a.m. Sundays for Protestants and 11 a.m.-noon Sundays for Catholics. Both sessions will be held at the spiritual fitness building. For more information, call 283-2925.

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Lifeguard training
The Central Panhandle Chapter of the American Red Cross will offer a lifeguard training course Monday-May 24. For more information and times, call the Red Cross, 763-6587.

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Transition-assistance workshop
A three-day transition-assistance workshop for anyone leaving the military within the next 12 months will be 7:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday. The workshop topics will include analyzing skills, setting personal goals, starting the job search, resume writing, interview skills, veterans benefits and much more. Spouses and

Department of Defense civilians are welcome. For more information or reservations, call the family support center, 283-4204.

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Stress-management class
Family advocacy's three-session stress-management class will continue 1-2:30 p.m. Wednesday and May 28 in Room 127 in Building 1305. For more information, call family advocacy, 283-7511.

AFSA meeting
A meeting of the Air Force Sergeants Association's Chief Master Sgt. Paul Airey Chapter 553 will be 4 p.m. Wednesday in the Pelican Reef Enlisted Club. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Charles Hargett, 283-8617.

NOTES

AAFES holiday hours
The following Army and Air Force Exchange Service facilities will be open at the following times on May 26, Memorial Day: Main exchange, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Class Six, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Shoal Point Shoppette, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Felix Lake Shoppette, 6 a.m.-9 p.m. All other AAFES facilities, the barber shop and Burger King will be closed.

Commissary holiday hours
The Tyndall Commissary will be closed for Memorial Day on May 26 and will re-open 9 a.m. May 27.

Mission support group change of command
Col. Joseph Sokol will relinquish command of the 325th Mission Support Group to Col. Martin Sayles in a ceremony scheduled for 8 a.m. May 23 in Flag Park. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in Hangar 4. Team Tyndall is invited to attend.

Hurricane briefings
The 325th Civil Engineer Squadron Readiness office will hold its mass hurricane briefings 9-10 a.m. May 27 and 28 in the Tyndall Officers' Club. For more information, call the readiness office, 283-2010.

New ATM
A new automatic teller machine has been installed on Texas Avenue behind the Robin Hood Sandwich Shoppe.

RETIREE NEWS

Under a new five-year dental contract between the Department of Defense and the Delta Dental Plan of California, dental benefits for uniformed services retirees and family members enrolled in the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program have been enhanced. Beginning May 1, the mandatory enrollment period was reduced from 24 to 12 months. The annual maximum benefit per enrollee and lifetime maximum benefit for orthodontic care was increased from \$1,000 to \$1,200.

After the mandatory enrollment period ends, eligible enrollees may continue their enrollment in the TRDP on a month-to-month basis. During the mandatory 12-month enrollment period, TRDP enrollees are covered for basic restorative services, periodontics, endodontics, oral surgery and dental emergencies. After 12 months of continuous enrollment, TRDP enrollees are covered for cast crowns, cast restorations, full and partial dentures and orthodontics for adults and children.

Sponsors and family members who enroll within 120 days of the sponsor's retirement from active duty receive an extra benefit. They and their family members are covered by the enhanced dental services starting the day they enroll. Those who wait and enroll after the 120-day period are not eligible for the enhanced dental services until they complete the mandatory 12 months of continuous TRDP enrollment.

Under the TRDP, there is a \$50 deductible per enrollee, with a \$150 yearly deductible per family. Premiums vary depending on where enrollees live and the number of family members they choose to enroll. During the enrollment period of May 1, 2003 to April 30, 2004, enrollees pay approximately \$22 to \$37 per month for single coverage, \$42 to \$71 for two or \$71 to \$120 for a family of three or more.

A directory of participating Delta Dental providers is available online at: <http://www.ddpdelta.org>. Retirees and family members may also request a provider directory by calling the Delta Dental customer service number, (888) 838-8737. Additional information on the TRDP is available on the TRICARE Web site at: <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/dental>.

YARD SALE

The following yard sales are scheduled for Saturday: 2856-A Sabre Drive, 3163-A Tiger St. and 3154-A Tiger St. All yard sales are held between 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

The following Catholic services will be held at Chapel 2: Daily Mass, 11:30 a.m. Monday-Friday; Reconciliation, after Saturday Mass or by appointment; Saturday Mass, 5 p.m.; Sunday Mass, 9:30 a.m.; religious education, 11 a.m. Sunday. Protestant services will be as follows: Communion service, 9:30 a.m., Chapel 1; general Protestant service, 11 a.m., Chapel 2.

Note: See May 18 listing for Protestant Unity Service information.

CLASSIFIEDS

1999 Harley Davidson 883 Sportster, 4,800 miles, over \$2,000 in extras. Must sell, \$6,200. Call 230-4745.

Team Tyndall airmen 'Rumble' on gridiron

2ND LT. ALBERT BOSCO

325th Fighter Wing public affairs

During the week, she spends her time teaching future air battle managers the art of controlling military assets in a wartime environment. On the weekends, however, she straps on her football pads and heads out to the field to teach a different kind of lesson – that women can tackle an opponent and run a football just as well as men.

First Lt. Abbie Guzzardo, an instructor assigned to the 325th Air Control Squadron, is one of five women from Tyndall who play for the Panama City Beach Rumble, an all-female professional football team.

The Rumble, part of the Gulf Coast Division of the Women's Professional Football League, is one of many women's football teams springing up in the United States, giving females an opportunity previously only afforded to males.

"I've wanted to play football since I was 6 years old," said Lieutenant Guzzardo, a linebacker and wide receiver for the Rumble. "Girls weren't allowed to play, so I resorted to being a cheerleader."

Now, Lieutenant Guzzardo and other women are being cheered on as they take to the field each Saturday during the league's three-month season.

The Rumble plays both home and away games against teams from Pensacola, Fla., New Orleans, La. and Biloxi, Miss.

Since the team includes women who are firefighters, police officers, schoolteachers and military, the three two-hour practices each week and weekend games add to an already busy schedule for some.

Despite hectic schedules, the women are committed to the team and give it their all on the field, said Rumble Coach David Freeland.

"Home should come first for them, and if something comes up, I tell them to take care of what they need to," Coach Freeland said. "For the players, though, it's all



2nd Lt. Albert Bosco

Rumble Coach David Freeland demonstrates blocking procedures to members of the team during practice. The team spends about nine hours practicing each week to prepare for weekend games.

about being able to play. These women play harder than most of the guys I've coached."

Playing hard includes playing by the same rules as the National Football League, including full-contact rules. But that doesn't discourage the women.

"They're hitting just as hard as the guys do and they have more will," Coach Freeland said. "It takes guts to play this game."

Staff Sgt. Donna Moses, a 95th Aircraft Maintenance Unit weapons load crew chief and the team's wide receiver and cornerback, proved she had the guts to play when she helped kick off the team's season opener against Pensacola.

During the game, Sergeant Moses sustained a broken arm and concussion that has kept her off the field since, but as soon as the cast comes off and she completes physical therapy, she'll be back in the game. For her, it's the competition that draws her back.

"I can't wait to get back out there," Sergeant Moses said. "I'm

competitive and there's a lot of adrenaline and intensity out there."

While injuries are inherent in this sport, the opportunity to fulfill a dream outweighs the risk.

"Football is like any other sport. If you fear getting hurt, undoubtedly you will," Lieutenant Guzzardo said. "I have the opportunity to do something I have always wanted to do and I won't let fear stand in the way of that."

Nor will the women let lack of sponsorship stand in the way. Even though they play by the same rules as their professional male counterparts, there are differences beyond gender between the two. Not all female football professionals are paid for their participation, and many benefits, such as uniforms, equipment and travel expenses are not covered.

"Right now, we have to carpool to games and we take any funded equipment we can get our hands on," Coach Freeland said. "Sometimes the players have to pay for some of it, but next year the play-

ride on a team bus."

Coach Freeland said the team is working on commercial sponsorships to absorb much of the associated costs.

"The leagues and teams out there are young, finances are tight and equipment often doesn't fit right," Lieutenant Guzzardo said. "But we love the game and as long as they will let us, we'll keep playing."

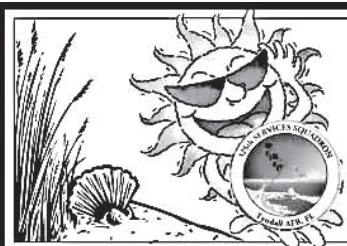
Other Rumble members from Team Tyndall include Capt. Lori Katowich, a supervisor for the 325th Maintenance Squadron and Rumble nose guard and offensive tackle, Capt. Alyssa Cowden, incoming F-15C intelligence Formal Training Unit officer-in-charge and the team's kick returner and wide receiver, as well as two family members, Amy Sad and Kathy Rausa.

Currently, the team has two wins and two losses approaching the season midpoint. Their next game is 7 p.m. Saturday versus Biloxi at Panama City Christian High School.



2nd Lt. Albert Bosco

Members of the Panama City Beach Rumble rehearse blocking maneuvers during a practice session Tuesday night.



Funshine NEWS



May 16, 2003

325th Services Website: www.325thservices.com

Here's What's Happening at the Tyndall Officers' Club

All Ranks Lunch

Mon.-Thurs.: \$6.95 ■ Friday: \$7.95
11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Unlimited access to the daily buffet, salad bar,
fountain soda, tea & coffee!

Includes: Fresh Hot Carved Meat
Sandwiches on Kaiser Roll

Monday	Chef's Choice
Tuesday	Italian
Wednesday	Oriental
Thursday	All American
Friday	Seafood

*Members, show your club card to receive a \$1 discount!

On Base Food Delivery

■ **Lunch Menu:** Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Limited to office deliveries (i.e. squadron addresses)

■ **Evening Menu:** Fri. & Sat. 5:30-9 p.m.

Subs & Pizzas
286-2900

AF Club Scholarship

Six scholarships will be awarded to AF Club
members or their eligible family members.

First place is \$6,000

Information packages with complete instructions
and requirements are available from the
Tyndall Officers' Club business office.

Entry deadline is July 15.

283-4357
for more information.



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Featuring:

Snow Crab Station
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Beef Carving Station
Variety of Selected Fish
Breaded Shrimp & Scallops
Seafood Newberg
Clam Chowder
Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy
Steamed Rice
Hush Puppies
Vegetables
Assorted Desserts

***Members First!**
Show your club card
to receive a \$3 discount.

Market Price: \$18.95*
Children ages 6-11: \$9.95*
5 & Under: \$4.95*



For details call:
283-4357

Base Pool Open!



- Open Swim, Wed - Sun. 11:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Lap Swim: Tues.-Fri., 6-7:30 a.m., 11-11:30 a.m., 5-6 p.m.
- Youth Swim Lessons June-July 8-10:30 a.m.

Water Aerobic Classes

- Burn Baby Burn
Mondays: 9-10 a.m., 11 a.m.-12 p.m. & 6-7 p.m.
- Tuesdays: 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Thursdays: 6-7 p.m.

- Easy Does It: Tuesdays: 6-7 p.m.

Pool Prices

Entry fee is \$1 per person.

- Seasonal Pass: \$35 per person, or maximum of \$50 per family.
- Punch Pass: \$20 for 30 punches
All guests must be accompanied by ID holder.

Teen Center

☎ 283-0295

Upcoming Events

May 21: Skateboard Park Grand Opening at the Youth Center. 3 p.m.

May 22: YES Program Meeting at CAC in the Emerald Room, 6-7 p.m.

May 23: TRAIL trip to Panama City Beach, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Bring sunblock and a towel.

May 30: Trip to Carmike, 6-10 p.m.

Skateboard Park Grand Opening

May 21st
3 p.m.



- Door Prizes ■ Contest ■
- Skate Demos ■ Food ■

Attention Skateboarders! It is here! Join us at 3 p.m. at the Youth Center as we conduct the ribbon cutting of our new skateboard park. Prizes, games, & more!

Call **283-4366**
for more information.



Coming to
Raptor Lanes

May 22 - Aug. 14

Purchase a large fountain drink and receive a game piece. Participants may win instant prizes. Participants who fill out the attached entry form are also entered to win the NASCAR racing hood replica on display at the bowling center, and could win the grand prize NASCAR VIP trip.

No purchase necessary see manager for details.

Youth Center

☎ 283-4366

Start Smart Golf

Is your 4-7 year old ready to play golf? Sign up for Start Smart Golf and participate one-on-one with your child learning basic skills. Program runs May 17, 31 and June 7-14 at 11 a.m. Cost is \$30+\$2.50 per game.

Major League Soccer Camp

Registration begins May 30. Camp is being held the week of July 21-25. Open to youth ages 5-18 yrs.



Fitness Center 283-2831

Come out and watch...

May 17

Competition begins at 10 a.m.
Weigh-ins begin at 8 a.m.

Power Lifting Events
Comprised of:
Bench Press • Squat
Dead Lift

Participants must be 16 years of age or older.
This competition is open to all Active Duty, Reservist, DoD employees,
Government Contractors, Retirees and family members.

AETC Youth Golf Program

First Session scheduled for June 2, 4, 6, 9, 11 & 13
8 a.m. & 9 a.m.

Cost: \$54.95 for 1st time participant • \$25 for 2nd time participant
Ages: 6-17 yrs.

Class size is limited to 20 participants
Additional sessions will be held call for dates.

All participants will receive
\$165 in golf equipment, and apparel to include: bag, clubs,
hat, balls, books, and shirt.
Sign up at the Youth Center by May 16

283-4366



